CHAPTER 5

WELL DONE.

KEEP AT IT, AND YOU'LL BE BACK ON PATROLS IN NO TIME.

I'D BETTER GO.

I'LL SEE YOU AFTER THE GATHERING, SWIFT.

SEE YOU.

BIG BROTHER!

DID I SCARE YOU?

NO.

LIAR.

HOW'S YOUR TRAINING GOING?

WE'RE LEARNING ALL KINDS OF STUFF!

I LOVE SANDSTORM, SHE'S THE BEST!

HOW IS IT TRAINING UNDER A KITTYPET, BRAMBLEPAW?

IT'S...OKAY.

HE...TOLD US ABOUT TIGERSTAR.

....I SEE.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?
I... WAS HOPING YOU COULD AVOID THIS... CURSE.
I'M SORRY.

...CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT HIM?

...I GUESS I HAVE A FEW STORIES.

WHAT'S GOING ON?
SWIFTPAW.

TIGERSTAR HAS DEMANDED YOU AND YOUR SIBLINGS JOIN HIM IN SHADOWCLAN.

HE WILL NOT HAVE HIS WAY.

'WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM?

THAT WE WOULD GIVE AN ANSWER NEXT MOON.

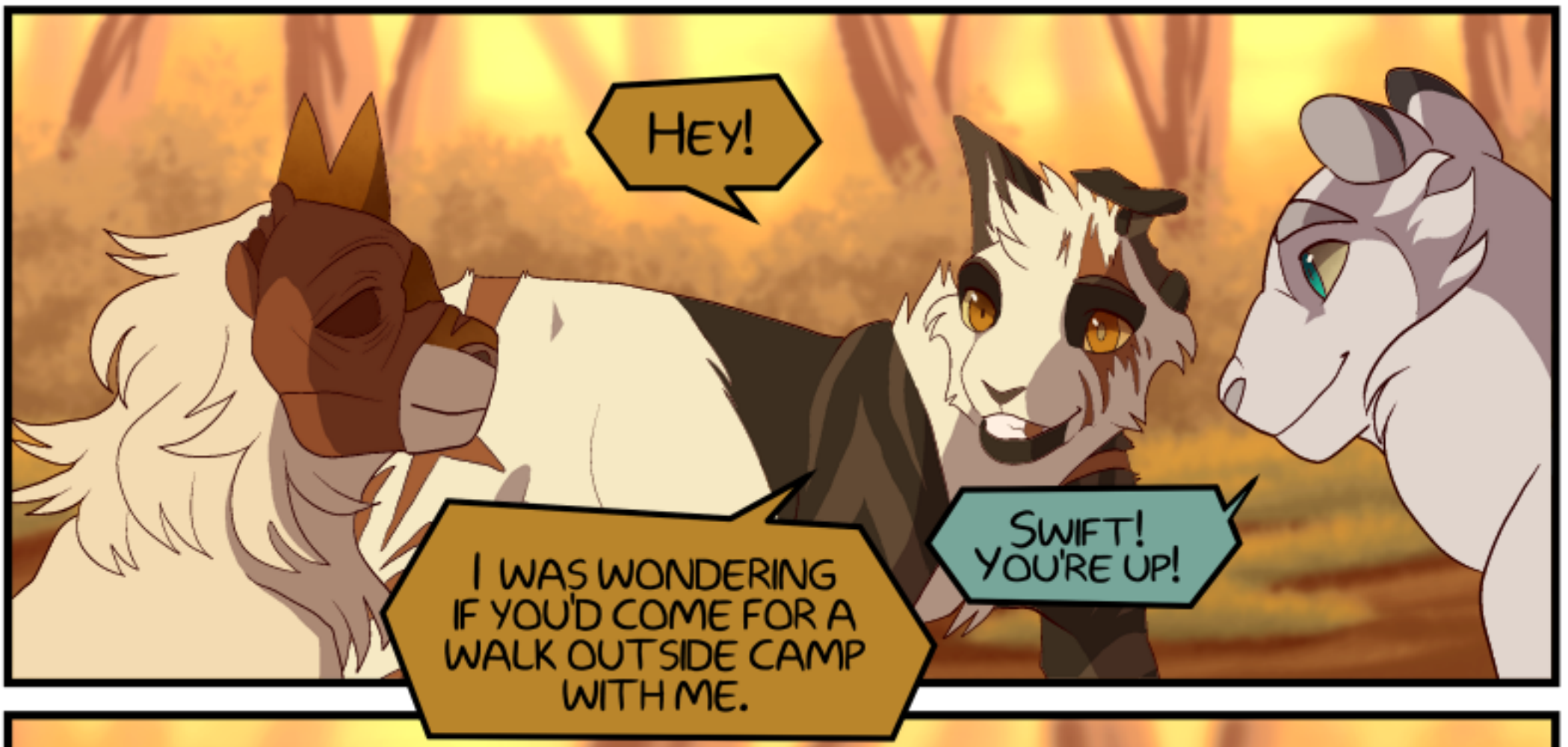
SHOULD WE TELL THEM?

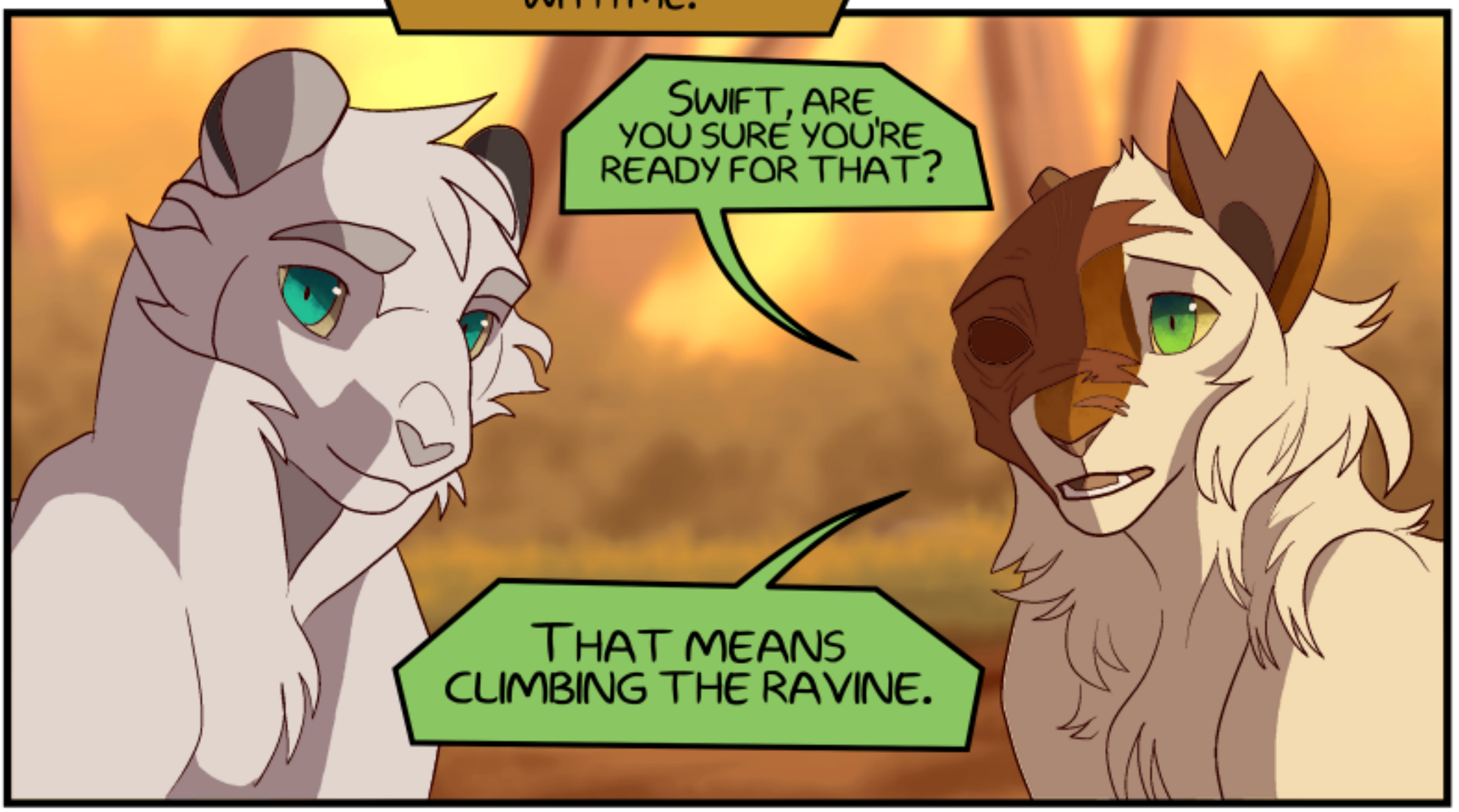
...LATER.

I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO KEEP THEM SAFE.

WE ALL WILL.

TIGERSTAR WILL NOT WIN.


HEY!
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D COME FOR A WALK OUTSIDE CAMP WITH ME.
SWIFT! YOU'RE UP!


SWIFT, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY FOR THAT?
THAT MEANS CLIMBING THE RAVINE.

I JUST HAVE TO TAKE IT SLOW.

WELL, WE'RE GOING TO VISIT MY MOM.

DO YOU SUPPOSE YOU COULD MAKE IT TO TWOLEGPLACE AND BACK?

OF COURSE!

ARE YOU OKAY?

IF YOU CAN DO THIS, SO CAN I.

I'M OKAY.

LET'S GO.

WAIT HERE.

KEEP A LOOK OUT AND CALL IF THERE'S TROUBLE.

WHAT'S WRONG?

...SHE'S GOING TO BE AFRAID OF ME.

TCH, SHE'S A KITTYPET, WHO CARES.

I DO. IT MEANS A LOT TO CLOUD.

I'M SORRY, BRIGHTPAW.

THAT'S NOT MY NAME, SWIFT.

YES, IT IS. BLUESTAR IS A PIECE OF CROWFOOD FOR GIVING YOU ANY OTHER.

YOU SHOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT.

OH!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO YOU?

LOSTFACE AND SWIFTPAW WENT OUT TO TAKE ON SOME TRESPASSERS.

THEY WERE VERY BRAVE.

AND IT DID THIS TO YOU?

OH, YOU POOR THINGS!

AND THE SAME COULD HAPPEN TO ANY OF YOU...

IT'S TIME WE WERE GOING.

CLOUDTAIL JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU HIS NEWS.

YOU'D BETTER GET BACK TO YOUR GARDEN.

YES. YES, I THINK I WILL.

YOU'LL COME SEE ME AGAIN, WON'T YOU, FIREHEART?

AS SOON AS I CAN.

THAT WENT WELL.

YOU CAN'T BLAME PRINCESS.

SHE DOESN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT CLAN LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.

SHE'S JUST SEEN SOME OF THE WORST OF IT, AND SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A KITTYPET?

LET'S GO HOME.

CLOUDTAIL...

PRINCESS LOOKED AS IF SHE WERE AFRAID OF ME.

I WANT...

I WANT TO SEE MYSELF.

IS THERE A PUDDLE NEARBY I CAN LOOK INTO?

BRIGHT...

COME WITH ME.

...NOW I SEE.

I'M SORRY IF THE OTHER CATS FEEL UPSET WHEN THEY LOOK AT ME.

YOU'RE STILL BEAUTIFUL TO ME.

YOU ALWAYS WILL BE.

LOSTFACE, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE.

WE'RE STILL YOUR FRIENDS.

LOSTFACE!

I HATE THAT NAME!

WHAT RIGHT DOES BLUESTAR HAVE TO NAME HER THAT!

I'M WITH SWIFT.

WE WON'T USE IT!

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BRIGHT TO US.

THANK YOU.